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Applicants:	Michael Chen	Group Art Unit:	2423
Application No.:	10/685,322	Examiner:	Jason M. Thomas
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Title:	Method, apparatus, and system for preparing images for integration and combining images into an integrated image		

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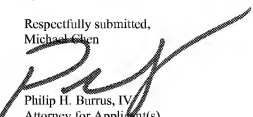
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Respectfully submitted,
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